

## § 20.715

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and the tape recording will be retained at the Board for a period of 12 months following the date of the hearing as a duplicate record of the hearing. Tape recordings of hearings that have not been transcribed will be maintained by the Board as the official record of hearings and retained in accordance with retention standards approved by the National Archives and Records Administration. A transcript will be prepared and incorporated as a part of the claims folder, loan guaranty folder, or other applicable Department of Veterans Affairs records folder if one or more of the following conditions have been met:

(1) The appellant or representative has shown good cause why such a written transcript should be prepared. (The presiding Member will determine whether good cause has been shown. Requests that recordings of hearing proceedings be transcribed may be made orally at the time of the hearing. Requests made subsequent to the hearing must be in writing and must explain why transcription is necessary. They must be filed with: Director, Management and Administration (01E), Board of Veterans' Appeals, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.)

(2) Testimony and/or argument has been presented at the hearing pertaining to an issue which is to be remanded to the agency of original jurisdiction for further development or an issue which is not in appellate status which is to be referred to the agency of original jurisdiction for consideration.

(3) The hearing involves an issue relating to National Service Life Insurance or United States Government Life Insurance.

(4) With respect to hearings conducted by a Member or Members of the Board at a Department of Veterans Affairs field facility :

(i) An issue on appeal involves radiation, Agent Orange, or asbestos exposure;

(ii) The appeal involves reconsideration of a prior Board of Veterans' Appeals decision on the same issue; or

(5) The Board's decision on an issue addressed at the hearing has been appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

(b) *Copy of hearing tape recording or written transcript.* One copy of the tape recording of hearing proceedings before the Board of Veterans' Appeals, or the written transcript of such proceedings when such a transcript has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section, shall be furnished without cost to the appellant or representative if a request is made in accordance with §1.577 of this chapter.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7102, 7105(a), 7107)

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### § 20.715 Rule 715. Recording of hearing by appellant or representative.

An appellant or representative may record the hearing with his or her own equipment. Filming, videotaping or televising the hearing may only be authorized when prior written consent is obtained from all appellants and contesting claimants, if any, and made a matter of record. In no event will such additional equipment be used if it interferes with the conduct of the hearing or the official recording apparatus. In all such situations, advance arrangements must be made. In the case of hearings held before the Board of Veterans' Appeals in Washington, DC, arrangements must be made with the Director, Management and Administration (01E), Board of Veterans' Appeals, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. In the case of hearings held before the Board at Department of Veterans Affairs field facilities, arrangements must be made through the office of the Department of Veterans Affairs official who signed the letter giving notification of the time and place of the hearing.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7102, 7105(a), 7107)

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### § 20.716 Rule 716. Correction of hearing transcripts.

The tape recording on file at the Board of Veterans' Appeals or a transcript prepared by the Board of Veterans' Appeals is the only official record of a hearing before the Board. Alternate transcript versions prepared